

Sowanda language

Sowanda is a Papuan language of Sandaun Province, Papua New Guinea, with a couple hundred speakers in Indonesian Papua.

Dialects

There are three divergent varieties, Waina, Punda and Umeda, which may be distinct languages. They are each spoken in three different villages of Walsa Rural LLG in Sandaun Province:^{[4][5]}

- Waina village (3.418333°S 141.050496°E)
- Punda village (3.427183°S 141.110275°E)
- Umeda village (3.413694°S 141.094886°E), located in Punda ward

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Sowanda	
Native to	Papua New Guinea
Region	Sandaun Province; Papua province, Indonesia
Native speakers	1,500 (2000–2003) ^[1]
Language family	<div>Border<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bewani Range<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Bapi River<ul style="list-style-type: none">▪ Sowanda</div>
Dialects	Waina Punda Umeda
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	Either: <div>sow – Sowanda upi – Umeda</div>
Glottolog	sowa1245 (http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/sowa1245) Sowanda ^[2] umed1238 (http://glottolog.org/resource/linguoid/id/umed1238) Umeda-Punda ^[3]

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